

about “being” such as, but not limited to: What is reality? Do I have free will? Is there a God? What kind of thing am I? The course may either survey the history of metaphysics or cover one or two philosophers or issues in detail. Offered occasionally.

3750–3753 Special Topics (1–4 sem. hours). Special topics courses offered in the last few years include: Gender and Technology, Philosophy of History, Mind and Body, Pain and Aggression, Philosophy of Time, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of War, Nietzsche and Gender, and Pragmatism. Usually at least one special topics course is offered each semester. The topics vary widely and new courses are routinely created.

3850 Major Philosophers (4 sem. hours). A careful consideration of a single philosopher’s work. Offered occasionally.

4000 Epistemology (4 sem. hours). This advanced course in theory of knowledge usually focuses upon one or two trends in the 20th century such as pragmatism, logical positivism, analytic philosophy, feminism, deconstruction, neurobiology, and epistemology, etc. Offered occasionally.

4120 Ethical Theory (4 sem. hours). An advanced course on classical and contemporary theories of ethics including basic concepts of ethical decision making, issues in cognitive moral perception, how to analyze moral issues, relativism, moral skepticism, egoism, utilitarianism, deontological ethics, virtue ethics, care ethics, rights theory, the law and ethics, religion and ethics, evolutionary theory and ethics, moral insanity and disease, and selected applied ethical issues. Offered occasionally.

4800–4803 Directed Readings (1, 2, 3, and 4 sem. hours).

4900 Senior Seminar (4 sem. hours). Intensive reading in selected issues, schools, and thinkers. Since the comprehensive exam is administered through the Senior Seminar, this course is open only to those completing the philosophy major. Students are strongly encouraged to finish History of Philosophy I and II before taking Senior Seminar.

Religious Studies

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Requirements for major: Students may complete a major in religious studies with nine courses, including Introduction to Religious Studies, four courses including at least one with a primary emphasis on issues in the study of sacred TEXTS, another with a primary emphasis on description and interpretation of existing religious TRADITIONS, a third with a primary emphasis on COMPARISONS of different religious traditions, and a fourth with a primary

emphasis on developing and criticizing ARGUMENTS on religious issues (see designations below, under course descriptions, for how courses ordinarily count); and Religious Studies Seminar. (Religious Studies 4900 is required of seniors and 3900 is recommended for juniors.) One Core topics course taught by a member of the Religious Studies department or Heritage of the West in World Perspective taken for a full year may be counted as one course toward the religious studies major. At least five courses in the major must be taken at Millsaps. A grade of C or better is required for courses to count towards a major.

Requirements for minor: Students may elect a minor in religious studies with any four courses from the Department of Religious Studies, including Introduction to Religious Studies and Religious Studies Seminar.

Philosophy–Religious Studies Major

Requirements for major: Students may complete a major in philosophy–religious studies with Philosophy of Religion, five additional courses in philosophy and five additional courses in religious studies. The philosophy courses must include Philosophy 3010, 3020, and 3310. The Religious Studies courses must include at least two courses representing primary emphasis in TRADITIONS, COMPARISONS, and ARGUMENTS (see designations below, under course descriptions, for how courses ordinarily count) and the Religious Studies Seminar (3900 or 4900). Students pursuing this major will be given a specially adapted comprehensive examination by a committee of faculty from the two departments. Each student will choose to follow either the philosophy major or the religious studies major format for comprehensive examinations; when the philosophy format is chosen, Philosophy 4900 must be taken. Neither Heritage nor Core topics courses count toward the combined major.

Religious Studies–Sociology–Anthropology Major

Requirements for major: Students may complete a major in religious studies–sociology–anthropology with Religion, Society, and Culture (SOAN 3200 / RLST 3170), five additional courses in religious studies, and five additional courses in sociology–anthropology. The religious studies courses must include Introduction to Religious Studies (RLST 2000), two courses representing the areas of TRADITIONS and COMPARISONS (see designations under religious studies course descriptions for how courses ordinarily count), and the Religious Studies Seminar (RLST 3900 or 4900); the sociology–anthropology courses must include an introductory level class (SOAN 1000, 1100, 1110), Social/Cultural Theory (SOAN 4200), Senior Seminar in either sociology or anthropology (SOAN 4900 or 4910), and two elective courses in sociology–anthropology above the introductory level. Students pursuing this major will be given a specially adapted comprehensive examination by a committee of faculty from the two departments. Neither Heritage nor Core topics courses count toward the combined major.

Requirements for minor: Anthropology: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology or Introduction to Archaeology and World Prehistory; one of the following 2000 level courses: 2100, 2130, 2400, 2410 or 2500; one of the following 3000 level courses: 3110, 3120, 3200, 3310, 3400, 3410, and one elective from the anthropology concentration.

Premministerial Studies

Students who wish to prepare for a Christian ministerial career are advised to take Introduction to Religious Studies (RLST 2000), a biblical studies course (RLST 2210 or 2220), a course in Christian thought (RLST 3110 or 3120), a church internship (RLST 4850), and one other course to be recommended by the Department of Religious Studies in accordance with the

student's interests.

Jewish Studies

Students with a substantial interest in Judaism are advised to take Introduction to Religious Studies (RLST 2000), Introduction to Hebrew Bible (RLST 2210), Introduction to Jewish Studies (RLST 2750), an internship at a Jewish institution (RLST 4850), and one other course to be recommended by the Department of Religious Studies in accordance with the student's interests. Students are encouraged to take relevant courses offered by other departments such as The Twice Promised Land (HIST 3410).

Students who wish to prepare for leadership in another religious community or who have a particular interest in studying another tradition should consult with the Department of Religious Studies faculty about appropriate courses to take.

Concentration in Christian Education

An interdisciplinary area of concentration in Christian education is available to students. For specific requirements, see Interdisciplinary Studies.

Courses

1010–1020 Introduction to Classical Hebrew (4 sem. hours). This yearlong study of classical (ancient, biblical) Hebrew will focus on mastery of grammar, vocabulary, and syntax to lay the foundation for proficient reading of Hebrew texts.

2000 Introduction to Religious Studies (4 sem. hours). A wide-ranging exploration of the phenomenon of religion and of the various approaches to its study.

2010 Ethics and Religion (4 sem. hours). A study of moral reasoning about personal and social issues in various religious, philosophical, and cultural contexts. An ARGUMENTS course. Offered in alternate years.

2020 Classical Hebrew Readings (4 sem. hours). This semester course will focus on a wide selection of readings in Classical Hebrew, with some attention to later forms of Hebrew, including Qumran and Rabbinic.

2110 Judaism, Christianity, Islam (4 sem. hours). A study of the history, literature, thought, and practices of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam with attention to their connections with one another. A TRADITIONS and COMPARISON course. Offered in alternate years.

2120 South Asian Religions (4 sem. hours). A study of the history, literature, thought, and practices of the religions of India and Tibet, including Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, and Sikhism. A TRADITIONS course. Offered in alternate years.

2130 East Asian Religions (4 sem. hours). A study of the history, literature, thought, and practices of the religions of China, Korea, and Japan, including Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, and Shinto. A TRADITIONS course. Offered in alternate years.

2210 Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) (4 sem. hours). An introduction to the history, literature, thought, and practices of ancient Israel. A TEXTS and TRADITIONS course. Offered in alternate years.

2220 New Testament and Early Christianity (4 sem. hours). An introduction to the back

ground, beginnings, earliest development, and thought of Christianity. A TEXTS and TRADITIONS course. Offered in alternate years.

2300 African-American Religions (4 sem. hours). A study of varieties of religious expression, belief, and organization in African-American spiritual existence since the 18th century, with consideration of slave religion, racism and religion, religious colonization, independent black churches, black protest and liberation theology, womanist thought, and heterodox religious groups like the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Nation of Islam, Santeria, and Voodoo. Offered occasionally.

2400 The Meaning of Work (4 sem. hours). An investigation into the phenomenon that is arguably at the foundation of human civilization and the human psyche: work. The course explores issues of value, purpose, function, organization, and justice in relation to the meaning of work from a variety of perspectives, including philosophy, theology, sociology, psychology, and management. Same as FWRK 2400. An ARGUMENTS course.

2601–2602 Contemporary Religious Issues (1 or 2 sem. hours). Discussion based on readings in current periodicals and books and on personal experiences. Offered occasionally.

2750–2753 Special Topics (1, 2, 3 or 4 sem. hours).

3000 Myth (4 sem. hours). A study of the symbols and motifs of mythology focusing on the myths of Greece and Rome, with comparative material introduced from Near Eastern, Native American, Asian, African, and Norse mythology. (This course is the same as Classical Studies 3000.) Offered occasionally.

3110 History of Christian Thought (4 sem. hours). A study of formative figures and ideas in the history of Western Christianity. A TRADITIONS and ARGUMENTS course. Offered in alternate years.

3120 Modern and Contemporary Theology (4 sem. hours). An examination of major developments in theology from the Enlightenment to the present, with attention to such figures as Schleiermacher, Barth, Tillich, Rahner, the Niebuhrs, Ruether, and McFague, and to contemporary movements such as the liberation theologies and global theology. A TRADITIONS and ARGUMENTS course. Offered in alternate years.

3150 Religion, Science, and Nature (4 sem. hours). An investigation of issues raised by the relationship between Western science and classic religious traditions, including the religious roots of science, the worldview revolutions caused by scientific theories, the environmental impact of religious perspectives and practices, and environmental ethics and policy. An ARGUMENTS course. Offered occasionally.

3160 Religion and Literature (4 sem. hours). A study of religious approaches and themes in ancient and/or modern literature. A TEXTS course. Offered occasionally.

3170 Religion and Society (4 sem. hours). A study of the relationships between religious beliefs and values, social structures, and political issues, drawing on social-scientific as well as religious resources. An ARGUMENTS course. Offered occasionally.

3310 Philosophy of Religion (4 sem. hours). An investigation of issues arising from

religious experience and beliefs, including the nature of the divine, evil, and human destiny. (This course is the same as Philosophy 3310.) An ARGUMENTS course. Offered in alternate years.

3400 Evil (4 sem. hours). A study of the reality, nature, origin, and consequences of evil, focusing on the distinctive shape and logic of what is most ignoble, destructive, callous, and dysfunctional in human history and existence. Offered occasionally.

3500 Religious Comparisons (4 sem. hours). Comparative study of selected topics in thought and practice in different religious traditions. A COMPARISONS course.

3600 The Educational Ministry of the Church (4 sem. hours). An examination of the purpose and implementation of Christian educational ministry. Offered occasionally.

3750 Special Topics (4 sem. hours).

3900–4900 Religious Studies Seminar (4 sem. hours). Intensive reading and discussion of selected texts and issues with important implications for the theory and practice of religious studies. (Topics will be announced each time the course is offered; since topics change with each offering, the course may be retaken for credit.)

4800–4803 Directed Readings (1, 2, 3, or 4 sem. hours).

4850–4853 Religious Studies Internship (1, 2, 3, or 4 sem. hours). An off-campus learning experience designed in consultation with a professional in a religion-related field and a Department of Religious Studies faculty member.

Division of Sciences

George J. Bey III, Associate Dean

Biology

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Requirements for major: The biology department offers both the bachelor of arts and the bachelor of science degrees in biology. All majors must take Introductory Cell Biology, General Botany, General Zoology, and Senior Seminar, plus a minimum of five additional biology courses, including one from each of the three areas listed on the next page:

Cellular and molecular processes: